

REVIEW SHEET

B-4250

Historic Preservation Certification Application—Significance

Property: 715 PORTLAND STREET, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND Project No.: _____

Historic District: RIDGELY'S DELIGHT
10-31-88 date initial application received by State 11-29-88 date(s) additional information requested by State
12-19-88 date complete information received by State _____
_____ date of this transmittal to NPS _____
Inspection of property by State staff? ☒ no ☐ yes date(s): _____

☒ There is adequate documentation enclosed to evaluate the historic character and integrity of this property.
_____ There is insufficient documentation to evaluate the property adequately. The application is missing the following items:

Reasonable efforts have been made to obtain this information. Copies of the information requests are enclosed.

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This property involves:

_____ Extensive loss of historic fabric	_____ Obscured or covered elevation(s)
_____ Substantial alterations over time	_____ Moved property
_____ Preliminary determination of listing	_____ State recommendation inconsistent with NR
_____ for district	_____ documentation
_____ for individual property	_____ Recommendation different from the applicant's
_____ Significance less than 50 years old	_____ request

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Complete item(s) below as appropriate.

- (1) The documentation on file with the National Register cites the period(s) of significance of this historic district as 19TH C.
- (2) The property ☒ contributes _____ does not contribute to the historic significance of this registered historic district in:
☒ location ☒ design ☒ setting ☒ materials ☒ workmanship ☒ feeling _____ association
_____ Property is mentioned in the NR or State or local district documentation in Section _____, page _____.
- (3) For properties less than 50 years old:
_____ the historical merits of the district (the periods and areas of significance) are documented in the National Register form or district documentation on file as less than 50 years old, justifying the certification of this property's contribution.
_____ the exceptional historical or architectural significance of this property as described in the National Register form or district documentation on file justifies its certification as contributing.
_____ there is insufficient justification to consider this property as contributing to the district for its individual exceptional architectural or historical significance or the significance of the district does not extend to the last 50 years.
- (4) For preliminary determinations:
A. The status of the nomination for the property/historic district:
_____ Nomination has already been submitted to State review board, and nomination will be forwarded to the NPS within _____ months. (Draft nomination is enclosed.)
_____ Nomination was submitted to the NPS on _____.
_____ Nomination will be submitted to the State review board within twelve months.
_____ Nomination process likely will be completed within thirty months.
_____ Other, explain: _____
- B. Evaluation of the property:
_____ Property is individually eligible and meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation
_____ Property is located within a potential registered district that meets National Register
Criteria for Evaluation: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
- (5) The property is located in a registered district, is outside the period(s) or area(s) of significance as documented in the NR form and:
_____ appears to contribute to the expanded significance of the district. Enclosed is the revised nomination documentation.
_____ does not appear to contribute to the period(s) or area(s) of significance of the district.

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Describe and evaluate the physical characteristics of the property, its integrity, and its significance within the context of the historic district (or individually for preliminary determinations of individual listings).

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State Official Recommendation:

This application for the above-named property has been reviewed by MICHAEL DAY,

a professionally qualified architect, architectural historian, or historian on my staff.

- ☒ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- ☐ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- ☐ The property does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
- ☐ The property appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
- ☐ The property does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will not be nominated.
- ☐ The property appears to contribute to the significance of a:
- ☐ potential historic district which appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
- ☐ registered historic district but is outside the period(s) or areas of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS. Revised nomination or district documentation is enclosed.
- ☐ The property should be denied a preliminary determination that it could qualify as a certified historic structure.
- ☐ Insufficient documentation has been provided to evaluate the structure.

☐ Detailed NPS review recommended ☐ Precedent-setting case ☐ Forwarded without recommendation

2-28-89

Date

State Official Signature

☐ See attachments:

NPS Comments:

Date

NPS Reviewer

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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OMB Approved
No. 1024-0009

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION
PART 1 — EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Project No:

Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Type or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

715 Portland St.

1. Name of property:

Address of property: Street 715 Portland St.

City Baltimore County State MD Zip 21201

Name of historic district: Ridgely's Delight Historic District

☒ National Register district ☐ certified state or local district ☐ potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

- ☒ certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.
☐ certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.
☐ certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
☐ preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.
☐ preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.
☐ preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

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3. Project contact:

Name Richard Peters, The French Company, Inc.

Street 429 N. Eutaw St. Suite 101 City Baltimore

State MD Zip 21201 Daytime Telephone Number (301) 332-8400

4. Owner:

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the property described above. I understand that falsification of factual representations in this application is subject to criminal sanctions of up to \$10,000 in fines or imprisonment for up to five years pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Name South Paca Street Partnership Signature Jay T. French Date 10-28-88

Organization c/o The French Company, Inc.

Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number 52-1488349

Street 429 N. Eutaw St. Suite 101 City Baltimore

State MD Zip 21201 Daytime Telephone Number (301) 332-8400

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application — Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- ☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
☐ does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- ☐ appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
☐ does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.
☐ does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

Date

National Park Service Authorized Signature

National Park Service Office/Telephone No:

☐ See Attachments

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION
CERTIFICATION APPLICATION—
PART 1

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Property Name

715 Portland St. Baltimore, MD 21230

Property Address

Project Number:

5 description of physical appearance:

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This two-story brick rowhouse features the original configuration of its facade. It is three window bays wide, has 1/1 original wood double-hung wood windows. Marble steps lead up to a 6 panel front door. There are jack arches above each window (including two casement windows); the front door also shows the arch pattern in raised brick with some additional ornamental brick work. The house has a gabled roof and shares the same ornate cornice as its neighbors to the East and West.

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Date of Construction: C. 1875 Source of Date: CHAP / Historic District Application

Date(s) of Alteration(s): unknown

Has building been moved? ☐ yes ☒ no. If so, when? _____

6. Statement of significance:

The neighborhood of Ridgely's Delight reflects the diverse character of the surrounding 19th Century historic workplaces. It was inhabited by a mix of socio-economic groups from the wealthier doctors who worked at the University of Maryland Hospital to the North, to the blue-collar workers from the B&O railroad and the neighboring brickyards. The architecture which resulted from this mix includes large homes with detailed facades as well as the smaller, unadorned houses of the working class. Most of the houses in Ridgely's Delight are variations of the Baltimore rowhouse design.

The houses on the North side of Portland St. (including 715 Portland St.) were typically occupied by the wealthier, better educated people. The houses are both larger and more detailed than the houses found on neighboring streets to the North and South. The 2-story brick house at 715 Portland St. is an integral part of the streetscape. It share the same architecture as its neighbors. It is three window bays wide with jack arches, has a raised brick arch pattern which adorns the entrance, marble steps, and a cornice which spans the four neighboring houses.

7. Photographs and maps.

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Con: on sheets attached: ☒ yes ☐ no

CONTINUATION/AMENDMENT SHEET

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Historic Preservation
Certification Application

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715 Portland St. Baltimore, MD 21230

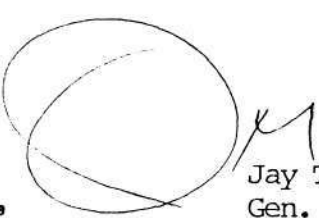
Property Address

Instructions. Read the instructions carefully before completing. Type, or print clearly in black ink. Use this sheet to continue sections of the Part 1 and Part 2 application, or to amend an application already submitted. Photocopy additional sheets as needed.

This sheet: ☒ continues Part 1 ☐ continues Part 2 ☐ amends Part 1 ☐ amends Part 2 NPS Project Number: _____

There is a fireplace and evidence of an entry vestibule in the living room. There is a center stairway which divides the first floor front and rear which has a decorative balustrade and newell posts above the first floor. The west wall in the kitchen retains its wooden wainscotting. There are two bedrooms, one bath and a small laundry room on the second floor. Much of the original casing with bulls-eye cornerblocks adorns the doors and windows.

South Paca Street Partnership

Name _____ Signature  Jay T. French
Street c/o The French Company, 429 N. Eutaw St. City Baltimore
State Maryland Zip 21201 Daytime Telephone Number (301) 332-8400

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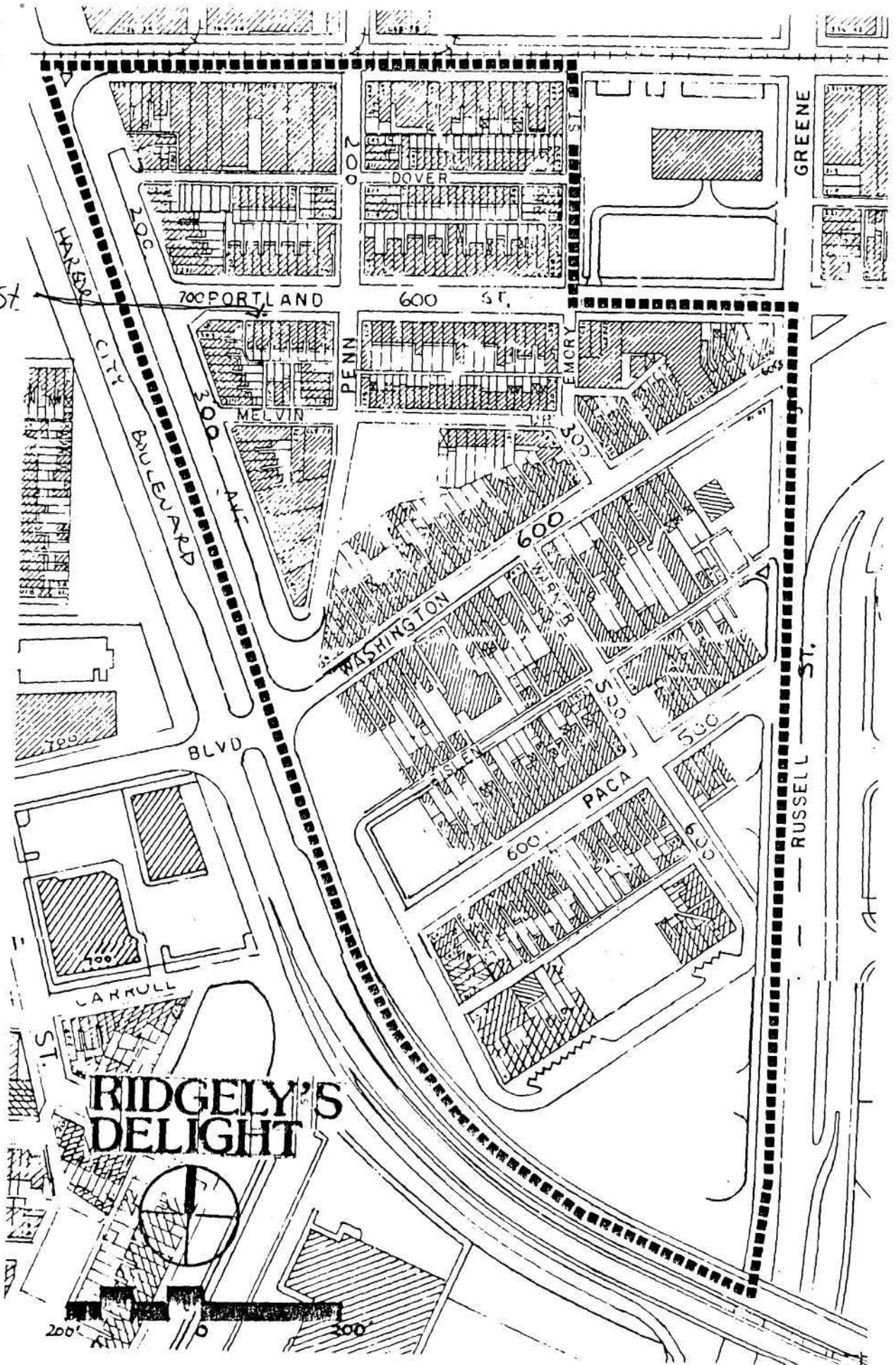
- ☐ The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."
☐ The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments do not meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."

National Park Service Authorized Signature

National Park Service Office/Telephone No.

☐ See Attachments

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RIDGELY'S DELIGHT BALTIMORE CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT 10/19/79
RIDGELY'S DELIGHT NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT 6/6/80

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